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The church and parish house building of St. Matthew's congregation are at the corner of 18th Street and Girard Avenue in the Lower North Philadelphia section. Both are of grey-stone construction and are in structurally sound condition. The church has a seating capacity of 600 and the parish house has ample facilities for a congregation in keeping with that seating capacity. At present the congregation is too small to be able to use the church or the parish house in more than a partial way. Both structures are reported to be in generally good condition. The Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority is taking over the rectory which stands on an adjacent block to the church buildings, and a new rectory has been purchased in northwestern Philadelphia.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

In the general vicinity of St. Matthew's Church buildings, there is a hospital and a boys' preparatory school as well as several churches. The area is generally residential, row housing comprising most of the dwelling units, but urban renewal land clearing has been extensive in the vicinity and will probably continue, changing the character of the neighborhood greatly.

Philadelphia has been divided into tracts by the United States Census Bureau and six of these, including the one in which the church buildings stand, 47-D, have been designated as the parish area for St. Matthew's Church. Those census tracts extend,

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roughly, from Girard College on the west to Sixth Avenue on the east, and from Montgomery Avenue on the north to Spring Garden Street on the south. Although it is realized that the neighborhood has changed rapidly, 1960 census material can at least serve as a guide to the changes that actually have taken place. The following tables give information on the population characteristics of the area. The first table shows that the area has a high proportion of youngsters and a relatively small proportion of adults over the age of 64. It also notes the high proportion of the population which is reported as non-white.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	POP. 1960	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE
15-A	6,183	33.6	7.9	59.9
15-C	8,615	27.7	8.1	60.4
20-D	9,047	36.8	9.1	62.3
47-A	8,733	29.9	6.7	96.0
47-C	8,834	32.7	7.7	85.8
47-D	9,402	29.7	6.7	91.3
	50,814			76.9

The next table gives information on the education of adults who were 25 years of age or over as of 1960. The median number of school years completed by those adults is about 8.3.

EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER				
CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	% COLLEGE GRAD.	MED. ED.
15-A	8.0	1.6	1.1	8.3
15-C	11.1	3.1	2.4	8.6
20-D	11.8	2.4	2.6	8.0
47-A	13.1	2.2	2.7	8.6
47-C	11.5	3.2	4.5	8.4
47-D	12.3	4.7	4.4	8.9

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The following table is based on data gathered from a summary of the membership maps submitted by the churches of the diocese. It shows the strength of the Episcopal Church and the relative strength of St. Matthew's in its parish area. It should be noted that the Episcopal Church throughout the City of Philadelphia reaches people equal in number to 2.0% of the 1960 population.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
15-A	6,183	10	0.2	1	10.0	0.5
15-C	8,615	33	0.4	14	42.4	7.3
20-D	9,047	13	0.1	0	-	-
47-A	8,733	25	0.3	1	4.0	0.5
47-C	8,834	40	0.5	9	22.5	4.7
47-D	9,402	36	0.4	3	8.3	1.7
	50,814	157	0.3	28	17.8	14.7

As may easily be seen, the Episcopal Church is not numerically or proportionately strong near the corner of 18th and Girard. St. Matthew's Church reports only a small proportion of the present Episcopalians and finds less than 15% of its own membership in that area. It should be noted that the membership map prepared by St. Matthew's shows the location of 192 units, by whether those units are families or individuals, is not clear.

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

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The attention of the congregation is directed to the Church Self-Study Form which was submitted by St. Matthew's congregation and reproduced on the accompanying pages of this report. The next paragraphs are intended to highlight some of the data contained in that report but the congregation may wish to carry out a more thorough analysis as part of its long-range planning program.

On the usual Sunday morning about 24% of the reported baptized members are in church. That level of attendance is low enough to cause concern to the congregation, it would seem. If the mapped figure of 192 represents the actual strength of the congregation, the level of church attendance may be seen to be about 57%, a much more commendable figure. No information is given concerning the attendance of confirmed members of the congregation. There seems to be weekday celebrations of the Holy Communion only during Lent.

The studying that is done by members of the congregation is confined to a few teen-agers and adults, but no information is available concerning the type of studying. It should be noted that the Diocesan Journal reports a church school of 58.

The organizations of St. Matthew's Church report, as might be expected, difficulty in securing participation of members and the problems associated with a declining membership of the congregation. It should be noted that complete reports were submitted only by the choir and the Women of St. Matthew's. Perhaps the congregation should work more as a committee-of-the-whole rather than as individual organizations, planning the activities on a

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"task force" basis, people joining in to accomplish a particular job without a formal organization, and disbanding when the task is finished. Such an approach would make it possible for men to take part in the work of the Altar Guild, for instance, and for talents in general to be used in other than stereotyped ways.

Of the annual income of approximately \$19,300.00, about one-third comes from the pledges and plate offerings of the congregation. The average annual pledge per communicant is about \$14.00 a year, a remarkably low figure, especially when compared with the diocesan average of \$44.00. It would seem that St. Matthew's Church depends, to a great extent, on special drives, endowment income, and the fund-raising activities of the organizations.

It is reported that the rector is very active in calling on members, although no exact data are available. There is no report of any participation by lay members of the congregation in evangelism, either in terms of reaching new members or in maintaining a contact in the parish and the present members.

No information is given concerning the relations between the community and the congregation, and it appears that the members take very little part in diocesan and convocation work.

It is regrettable that the last two pages of the Church Self-Study Form have not been filled out, since those call for the thoughts of the congregation about the future.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
Episcopal Church Center
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New York, N. Y. 10017

Date November 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church St. Matthew Church
City Philadelphia
County Philadelphia Diocese Lehigh
Parish St. Matthew State Lehigh
What geographic area does this church serve? Membership comes from far and near

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses _____ Industrial uses _____ Apartment dwellings ☒
Rooming houses ☒ Single-home dwellings _____ A college ☒ Military
uses _____ Other institutions Hospital

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Has completely changed to negro

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS

ADDRESS

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

Jesus Parish School

17th and Gerard Ave

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

Gerard College (thru High School) ^{and} Cornithan ^{and} Gerard Ave
St Joseph Prep School *17th and Stiles St*

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

ADDRESS

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION

ADDRESS

Genw RC

ADDRESS
18th and Stiles St

Welsh Crest Terrier

1600 blocks W. 2nd and 1st

German Methodist

1500 black W. Geardline

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

Work was started in 1822 - became
members of Conventions Success of Union
1825 - 1st Church was several blocks
South of here in Francisville.

first building at present sight 1865
2nd building " " " 1875

The entire neighborhood is now colored
of very low grade. The Redevelopment
authority is now tearing down houses and
St Joseph's Prep School may someday
build another school - What the future
for the Parish as I do not now know.

Our Congregation come from great distances
and the average age is very high -
They are very faithful and loyal

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

Land on which Church is built
" " " Parish House is built
" " " Rectory is built

2. Type of church building: Frame Brick Stone X Other (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

Seats 600 - building kept in good
condition

Replacement Value \$ Amount of insurance carried \$

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached X Separated ;

In basement of the church ; Frame Brick

Stone X Other
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Basement - Recreation Rooms - Heater Room
1st floor Church Yard
Lecture Room (Choir Vest)
Nursery Room (also Kitchen)
Clergy living place
Admin. office
2nd floor 3 small rooms

Replacement value \$ Amount of insurance carried \$

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X;
Frame _____ Brick X Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building,
and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

<u>1st floor 3 rooms</u>	<u>in good condition</u>
<u>2nd floor 3 rooms bath</u>	<u>Refrigerator & water</u>
<u>3rd floor 4 rooms bath</u>	<u>hot water & etc.</u>

Is it used as a clergy residence? yes If not, what use is made of
the building?

Replacement value: \$ _____ Insurance carried: \$ _____

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 204
 Number of individuals not in families 60
2. Baptized membership 460 Communicants 439 Church School 3

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list

	<u>1959</u> 5 yrs. ago	<u>1960</u> 4 yrs. ago	<u>1961</u> 3 yrs. ago	<u>1962</u> 2 yrs. ago	<u>Last</u> year <u>1963</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Communicants added:

By confirmation from Episcopal families	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
By confirmation from other Churches	<u>3</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
By reception from other Churches	_____	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
By baptism and confirmation from no church	_____	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
5. Attendance:
 Number of communicants who attended regularly last year _____
 Number of communicants who attended occasionally _____
 Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community _____
 Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred _____
6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? _____

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion 8 am	8 am	5	10	25
1st Sunday 10:30 am	10:30 am			
Morning Prayer 11 am (3 Sundays)	11 am	75	100	125

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1st Sunday 11 am	11 am		15	
Each Wednesday Lent				

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Wednesday 11 am Communion	
Maundy Thursday 8 pm HC	
Good Friday 10:30 12-3	
Each Wednesday Lent Evening Prayer 8 pm	

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

None

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? yes
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? Breakfast
3. Is baby care provided during any service? no

once a year
after 9am Hc

3. Instruction schedule

[illegible]

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? _____

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc. _____

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties? _____

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>YEARS TEACHING</u>	<u>Number</u>
19 years or less	_____	Grade school	_____	one	_____
20 to 29	_____	Junior high	_____	two	_____
30 to 39	_____	Senior high	_____	three	_____
40 to 49	_____	1 to 3 years College	_____	four	_____
50 years or more	_____	College grad.	_____	five	_____
		Graduate study	_____	6 to 10	_____
Male	_____			11 to 20	_____
Female	_____	K-12		20 and over	_____

7. What problems does the church school have? _____

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? _____
2. For how long each day? _____
3. What type of courses are taught? _____

4. How many children attend, usually? _____
5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? _____
6. How many teachers are there? _____

C. Released Time Program

1. When are classes held? _____
2. What type of courses are taught? _____

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____
4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?

- D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 12 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 10 c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Rector e. What material is used? Rector's material - Book of Common Prayer and Bible f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? _____

2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 10 b. How long is each session? 1 hour c. Who is the instructor? Rector d. What material is used? Rector's material - Book of Common Prayer and Bible

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

<u>NAME OF GROUP</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEMBERS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEETINGS</u>	<u>LENGTH OF MEETINGS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants. _____

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

- G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. _____
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. _____
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. _____

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. _____
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. _____
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. _____

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. _____
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations _____

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	_____	_____	_____
2. Number of organizations	_____	_____	_____
3. Total active membership	_____	_____	_____

E. For Boys in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	_____	_____	_____
2. Number of organizations	_____	_____	_____
3. Total active membership	_____	_____	_____

F. For Youth in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	_____	_____	_____
2. Total active membership	_____	_____	_____

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

- A. Name Women of St. Matthew
Total active members 30 Average attendance at meetings 20-25
Number of meetings each month One Day and time of meetings 1:00 PM
Meeting - Church
- B. Why does this organization exist?
For Worship, Fellowship and to assist in
various Parish activities. Some of money raised
and direct donations to various outside Char. Tels.
- C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? all
persons of the Parish are members.
- D. Describe the worship and the educational program.
We have a Service of Communion followed by our
meeting. During Lent we try to study the
Topic chosen by the Church and report to the
congregation.
- E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
The women help in all the work of the
Church.
- F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
Speakers from various institutions and Department
visit us and tell us about their work. It is
to keep our women informed as to what is going on.
- G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Our problem is
that we are an aging and declining
congregation.

Signed by: _____

Title: _____

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Altay Guild

Total active members 2 Average attendance at meetings 6

Number of meetings each month four Day and time of meetings 1st

B. Why does this organization exist?

to provide a place for the women

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? from

Laughlin of Trinity - Women of Epworth

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? _____

Signed by: _____

Title: _____

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Vestry

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 10

Number of meetings each month One Day and time of meetings 1st Sunday after 11 A.M. service
additional meetings as required

B. Why does this organization exist? Responsible for conducting business of the Parish.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Communicant members.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Committee from Vestry represent Parish at Diocesan Convention and Convocation Meetings.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: William J. Longard Title: Secretary

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

NAME	APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE	PERIOD OF TENURE	MOVED TO:
<u>Clarence Herbert Ross</u>		<u>1919-1941</u>	<u>Transferred to another church</u>
<u>William J. Johnston</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>1941-</u>	

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? No but next to church

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? None
Please give details.

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? None

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No

If so, which congregations?

Worship

X. FINANCE

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A. Income (Last Full Year):

(1) Pledges \$ ~~442.12~~ (2) Plate offerings \$ 462.12 (3) Parish for mission organizations \$ 33.61 (4) Endowments \$ 644.54 (5) Special

fund drives \$ (6) Other (please specify) \$ ~~11.00~~ \$ 83.11

Easter \$ 793.78

Special \$ 404.05 Communion \$ 134.31 Altar fund \$ 17.79

Thanksgiving \$ 109.41

Steward Fund \$ 11.00 For Regard \$ 11.00. ¹⁹⁶³ ~~1962~~

B. Disbursements

Total current expenses

Diocesan Assessment

Missionary Disbursements

Special parish expense

Clergy salary or salaries:
from congregation

from other sources

Rental value of the rectory

Is the church in debt?

Amount of debt \$ Method of repayment

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
Total current expenses	10155.64	2469.48	13456.04	12461.54	16382.53	
Diocesan Assessment	437.05	469.48	375.24	359.00	424.92	
Missionary Disbursements	2354.36	2742.83	3353.13	3083.23	2909.47	
Special parish expense	1617.21	2183.33	925.53	1244.51	1237.27	

a) 3000 4000 5000

b)

a)

b)

100

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? Yes

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? _____ Describe the training of the canvassers. _____

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

At least each year in the last 5 years

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? _____

10. Additional comments or information on finances: _____

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes

2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest _____ Congregation + Diocese _____

3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? \$ Don't know

4. By whom is the operating expense paid? _____

Congregation pays \$1000 for all expenses

5. How much does the local congregation pay? _____

6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business 1000

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was it
on 10th Aug. 1961*

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	_____	_____	_____
2. Sick or emergency	_____	_____	_____
3. Calls for other purposes	_____	_____	_____
4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:			

Every afternoon

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling?

Visit everybody once a year - We have many shut-ins and aged who are called on - some once a month - others twice a month

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) _____

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. _____

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. _____

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation? _____

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years. _____

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? _____

- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? _____

- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? _____

No. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. _____

- E. How many church road signs are there? _____

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? _____

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. _____

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Member of Standing Committee - Secretary

Dept of Mission, Member Executive Council -
Member Commission Pastor Sacristan Lay Ministry

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? _____

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? _____

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: _____

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: _____

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: Junior League

Teen, attending Diocesan Conference

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary share or quota? Yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? _____

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Pastor	Full time	\$5,000.00
Organist and Director -	Part time	100.00
Section	Part time	100.00 a month
Usher	Part time	50.00

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

The choir is volunteer except Organist and the Usher and everybody who is responsible while doing some work in Turkish -

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

- A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: _____

2. Buildings: _____

3. Equipment: _____

- B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

- C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

- D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

- E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Date completed: _____

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

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A question has already been raised in this report concerning the figure of 192 which is the total of the residences shown on the map submitted for the Survey. That figure is in contrast to the 460 baptized members reported in the Church Self-Study Form and in the Diocesan Journal. It does not agree with the 204 church families and 60 individuals, reported in the Church Self-Study Form. One is tempted to assume that 192 does represent the total number of family units, including families and unrelated individuals, but some details of the map make such an interpretation questionable. It is rather surprising, for instance, to find five separate families or individuals living in a community as far removed from St. Francis as Aldan in Delaware County, and four living in Springfield Township in the same county.

The distribution pattern of the membership is fairly clear, however. A small proportion of the members live in the census tracts on either side of Poplar Avenue, west of the church property. A scattering of members is to be found in west Philadelphia and a larger group of more widely scattered persons may be found north and west of Lehigh Avenue. As has been mentioned, there are individuals living outside of Philadelphia, six units being reported from Warminster Township in Bucks County, for instance, as well as in other widely separated areas. It is clear that St. Matthew's Church has long since ceased to serve a neighborhood, but it continues to serve a widely distributed constituency.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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CENSUS TRACT OR AREA		NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
B	16 A	6	32
D	87	1	5
D	90	1	5
D	40 B	1	5
D	78 B	4	22
D	17	1	5
D	18	1	5
D	19	1	5
D	29	2	10
D	32	5	26
D	33	1	5
D	36	2	10
D	38	1	5
D	74 D	2	10
D	96	2	10
M	26 A	4	22
M	54	2	10
M	9 D	1	5
M	32 A	2	10
M	41 A	1	5
M	56	2	10
	7 A	2	10
	8 B	2	10
	10 B	2	10
	11 A	1	5
	14 A	1	5
	15 A	1	5
	15 C	14	73
	15 D	14	73
	15 E	4	22
	16 A	2	10
	17 A	1	5
	19 B	1	5
	21 A	1	5
	21 Q	2	10
	22 D	3	17
	22 F	2	10
	23 B	1	5
	24 C	1	5
	24 F	1	5
	24 J	1	5
	27 A	3	17
	27 C	1	5
	29 C	9	47
	29 D	2	10
	31 B	1	5
	33 I	1	5
	33 J	1	5
	34 I	4	22
	34 S	3	17
	35 C	3	17
	35 F	2	10
	38 C	1	5
	38 E	3	17
	38 H	1	5

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

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Since 1940 the membership of St. Matthew's Church has been decreasing steadily and rapidly. Baptisms have been increasingly few in number as have confirmations, none being reported in 1963, although a later Parochial Report shows that there were two baptisms in 1964 and three confirmations.

From 1961 through 1963, the average expenditure per communicant per year was \$42.78, a figure which may be compared with the diocesan average of \$73.71 and the average of \$56.16 for the churches of Lower North Philadelphia. The total reported expenditures have remained more or less constant, ranging from \$22,000.00 in 1955 to \$18,000.00 in 1961.

From 1961 through 1963, St. Matthew's Church set aside 13.3% of its total reported expenditures for work outside the parish, giving an annual expenditure per communicant for extra-parochial work of \$5.70. The corresponding data for the churches of Lower North Philadelphia are 7.5% as the ratio and \$4.20 as the average expenditure. For the diocese, the figures are 14.9% for the ratio and \$10.45 for the average expenditure per communicant.

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VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ST. MATTHEW
COUNTY PHILADELPHIA

TOWN FRANCISVILLE
DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	1,100	875	742	683	554	490	470	460
Communicants	826	699	631	617	523	463	449	439
Church School	291	150	96	149	51	80	42	58
Baptisms	31	14	12	10	3	3	3	-
Percentage of Communicants	3.8	2.0	1.9	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	-
Confirmations	28	13	25	25	2	2	-	-
Percentage of Communicants	3.4	1.9	4.0	4.1	0.4	0.4	-	-
Parochial Expenditures 1	9,573	10,593	12,939	15,531	14,573	14,779	14,457	16,382
Special Par. Expenditures 2	4,452	13,530	2,784	5,313	2,378	2,169	1073	1237
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	1,715	2,121	2,439	1,758	1,657	1,199	3344	3158
Total Reported Expenditures	15,740	26,244	18,162	22,602	18,608	18,147	18,874	20,777
Expenditures per Communicant	19.06	37.55	28.78	36.63	35.58	39.19	42.04	47.33
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	2.08	3.03	3.87	2.85	3.17	2.59	7.45	7.19

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- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
 - 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
 - 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

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The Episcopal Census for St. Matthew's Church gives information on only 86 persons, of whom four are not members of the Episcopal Church. That number of respondents comprises too small a proportion of the total membership for a statistical analysis to be valid. If the congregation wishes to take a more complete census of itself, the General Division of Research and Field Study will process the results as time is available.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, Francisville, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The buildings of St. Matthew's Church are situated in an area which has changed greatly in the general characteristics of its population. There are, today, relatively few people living in Francisville who are not Negro. Further, changes are taking place as the Urban Renewal Program sweeps past the corner of 18th Street and Girard Avenue. The congregation of St. Matthew's Church is widely distributed throughout the metropolitan area and only a small proportion of the congregation, 14.7% of the mapped membership, lives within the vicinity of the church buildings. Over the years, the membership of St. Matthew's Church has steadily decreased, dropping from a reported figure of 1,100 in 1940 to 420 in 1964, according to the Parochial Reports and the Diocesan Journal. The membership map indicates an even greater decline, only 192 persons being located on the maps submitted by the congregation for this Survey. There are very few youngsters in the congregation, little activity during the week, and less than 100 people attend church on the usual Sunday, according to the Parochial Reports.

Very fortunately, the congregation is able to reap the benefits of investments and of generous individuals, since the regular income from pledges and open-plate offerings comprises only one-third of the annual income. The average pledge per communicant, using the figure of 460 communicants as reporting in the Diocesan Journal, is \$14.00 per year. It is probable that the actual number of communicants is substantially lower than 460, but no definite data are available.

The foregoing paragraphs have given the discouraging side of St. Matthew's Church. It should be noted, however, that the average attendance on a Sunday morning is about 57% of the mapped membership of St. Matthew's, a commendable level of attendance. The congregation has no debt and the buildings are in structurally sound condition, even though they do need

to be brightened up. In addition, and possibly most important, St. Matthew's buildings are in an excellent location to serve the neighborhood as it is finally developed, being separated by considerable distances from the nearest Episcopal churches. The opportunity which faces St. Matthew's, a challenge which will not be easy to meet, is to be faithful, devoted, and to endure, in order that the witness of the Episcopal Church may be steadily present in the Girard Avenue area. Eventually the population will begin to increase and the opportunity for service will be much greater than at present.

Even now, however, the members of St. Matthew's Church have an obligation to work more effectively with the people of the neighborhood, different as they may be from the traditional type of Episcopalians. St. Matthew's Church can provide one type of stability in the midst of change, but can do so only when people are positive of the welcome which awaits them within the doors of the church and the hearts of the members.

Working with an entirely different group of people is difficult, a difficulty which should be well recognized. It is suggested that St. Matthew's Church cooperate closely with the Church of the Advocate at 18th and Diamond as well as with diocesan departments and personnel. Strictly from the standpoint of long-range strategy, St. Matthew's Church is in an excellent position. It is the responsibility of the congregation, difficult as that responsibility may be, to accept and to exercise stewardship in the use of that location.